IN THE CLAIMS

Please amend the claims as follows.

1. (Currently Amended)   A method of controlling plural <u>lighting</u> devices with a single remote control comprising the steps of<u>:</u>

associating, one by one, each of the plural <u>lighting</u> devices with the remote control, and

associating, one by one, each of the plural <u>lighting</u> devices associated with the remote control with <u>at least one of</u> a particular function ~~or~~ <u>and a particular</u> key on the remote control.

2. (Original)   The method of claim 1 wherein the devices communicate with the remote control by means of a carrier sense multiple access protocol.

3. (Currently Amended)   The method of claim 2 wherein the step of associating, one by one, each of the plural devices ~~associated~~ with <u>at least one of</u> a particular function <u>and a particular</u> key ~~utilized~~ includes a visual confirmation step.

4. (Original)   The method of claim 3 wherein the visual confirmation step includes a predefined sequence of on/off occurrences.

5.   (Currently Amended)   An apparatus ~~Apparatus~~ for controlling plural lighting devices over a wireless connection, the apparatus comprising:

a processor for providing commands to said plurality of lighting devices <u>over the wireless connection in</u> a normal mode, and

a means for switching between an enumeration mode and [[a]] <u>the</u> normal mode, said enumeration mode being utilized to associate said plural devices with said apparatus.

6.   (Original)   The apparatus of claim 5 wherein said means for switching only switches upon receipt of a confirmation step from a user.

7.   (Currently Amended)   The apparatus of claim [[6]] <u>5,</u> further comprising software for binding <u>at least one of</u> specific functions ~~or~~ <u>and specific</u> key sequences from a remote control with specific ones of said plural lighting devices.

8.   (Currently Amended)   A method of utilizing a wireless lighting control protocol comprising the steps of:

providing a standardized command set for facilitating command and control between a master <u>device</u> and plural slave lighting devices; <u>and</u>

interposing a layer of software between said command set and a software application, said layer of software including means for initialization and binding of the plural slave lighting devices and the master device.

9. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 8 further comprising the step of polling each of the slave devices individually and sequentially to thereby associate each of said slave devices with said master device.

10. (Currently Amended) A ~~The~~ method of associating each of plural slave devices with a master remote control comprising the steps of:

communicating a visual signal at each of the slave devices indicating the presence of each of said slave devices, and

accepting a user confirmation acknowledging that said device is to be associated with at least one of ~~a particular~~ said master ~~device~~ remote control, ~~or~~ a particular function of said master remote control, ~~or~~ and a particular key sequence of said master ~~device~~ remote control.

11. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 10 wherein said master and each of said slave devices communicate [[s]] utilizing ~~the~~ a Digital Addressable Lighting Interface (DALI) standard protocol and a wireless communications channel.

12. (New) The method of claim 1, wherein the lighting devices communicate with the remote control using a Digital Addressable Lighting Interface (DALI) protocol.

13.   (New)   The method of claim 12, wherein:

the DALI protocol is supported by an application layer; and

the remote control comprises a network layer, a data link layer, and a physical layer that

are transparent to the application layer.

14.   (New)   The method of claim 13, wherein the data link layer and the physical

layer support Bluetooth communications with the lighting devices.

15.   (New)   The apparatus of claim 5, wherein the processor is capable of

identifying at least one of the devices and assigning a short address to the at least one identified

device while in the enumeration mode.

16.   (New)   The apparatus of claim 15, wherein:

at least one of the devices is capable of providing a visual indication when the short

address is assigned to the device; and

the processor is capable of receiving confirmation from a user in response to the visual

indication.

17.   (New)   The method of claim 8, wherein the master device comprises a remote

control, and further comprising associating at least one of the slave devices with at least one of a

particular function and a particular key on the remote control.

18.   (New)   The method of claim 8, wherein initializing and binding one of the slave devices to the master device comprises assigning a short address to the slave device.

19.   (New)   The method of claim 10, wherein the visual signal comprises one of the devices flashing on and off.

20.   (New)   The method of claim 10, wherein the visual signal comprises one of the devices blinking off.